

California at Davis, where she was president of her sorority.

To Anne Noel's parents, VIC and Joey, there is nothing more painful than that of the pain of losing a child. But I know from my own sister's death that you need time to grieve, and in your grief this country shares what you have so effectively done in leading this Nation ahead, and that is that this country shares your sorrow.

We send this sorrow to you as Representatives of this Nation's Government, who knows that VIC not only has led this Congress but he has been a great father who is now suffering from the most difficult pain of all, the pain of the loss of a child.

VIC, we pray for you. But most of all, we send our love.

I yield to my colleague, the gentlewoman from California [Ms. ESHOO].

Ms. ESHOO. I would like to thank my colleague, the gentleman from California [Mr. FARR], for organizing this small but very important tribute to Anne Fazio.

As my colleague has just stated, Anne was a star. All of her doctors, anyone that knew her, her friends, her extended family of friends knew what a fighter she was. She fought leukemia, and she was a real champion. There were many times where she felt, as VIC said, her father, that she had been dealt a bad deck of cards, and her father, being the fighter that he is, reminded her time and time again to look at what she had done with what was dealt to her.

She excelled at everything that she did, and we know most of all, as parents, the most difficult thing, the most unbearable thing, the most unthinkable is for a parent to have to bury their own child.

So today in this Chamber, we gather as the friends and colleagues of the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO]. It makes no difference whether one is a Republican or a Democrat. We reach out, and we say, as parents and as friends, we grieve with you. You have our prayers. We know that the angels have welcomed Anne to heaven, but it is up to us to do God's work and to continue on and to take care of one another as friends and extend ourselves in sympathy.

I would like to just close on this note: I cannot help but think of the writings of Milton at this time, and he wrote that, "And so she passed on, and all the trumpets sounded on the other side."

God rest her gentle young soul, and we send you our best, VIC, and when you get back here we will surround you with our friendship, with our love and our prayers.

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California [Ms. PELOSI].

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank our colleague, the gentleman from California [Mr. FARR], for taking this time for us to express the condolences and the sympathy of all Members of

this body to the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] and his family for his tremendous loss.

I also wanted to say that our colleague, the gentlewoman from California [Ms. ESHOO], expressed so well the sentiments that we all share. She was the head of the prayer patrol for Anne in the Congress, and we were all alerted a couple of months ago that more prayers were needed, and we did not realize, though, how drastically.

I would like to say, as I say my colleagues have said it so eloquently, but I just want to say a couple of things about Anne. She was only 2 years old when VIC was elected to the Congress, and she worked as a volunteer in her father's office and became very acquainted with politics. She had an interest in public service and she was a page in the summer of 1988.

VIC and Anne's mother described her best when VIC said, "Anne had an indomitable spirit and a tremendous amount of will," a tearful VIC FAZIO said on Monday. Her mother said she was a wonderful daughter and a wonderful friend.

We all shared VIC's concern over the years when Anne was fighting leukemia, and she proved herself a trouper, a fighter, and as my two colleagues have said, a star.

Any words of consolation to someone who has lost a child are, of course, inadequate and, in fact, impossible. But I hope it is a consolation to VIC and to Joey, Carolyn Mason, Anne's mother, I hope it is a consolation to them we all learned a great deal from Anne in her courage and her strength. She was an inspiration to many people in the Congress of the United States and all who knew her, and I hope they are consoled by the fact that her life was appreciated, that she left this Earth as a teacher, as an inspiration, and that she is remembered in the prayers of all Members of the Congress of the United States.

Again, I thank our colleague, the gentleman from California [Mr. FARR], and the gentlewoman from California [Ms. ESHOO] for their words of inspiration and again extend our deepest, deepest sympathy to VIC FAZIO and his family.

#### EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAZIO FAMILY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. METCALF). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, first of all, let me extend to our good friend, the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO], and his family from the Republican side of the aisle our sincerest condolences on the death of his daughter, Anne.

I cannot imagine what it would be like to lose a daughter or a son, but I certainly do not want to experience that. So we wish VIC the very best and

his family the very best, and they get all of our deepest sympathy.

TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL W. BROWN

Mr. Speaker, it is interesting, the reason I am taking this 5-minute special order is because in 1964, I met a fellow who was to become one of my dearest friends, and he died day before yesterday of cancer, and he became like a brother to me.

I remember in 1970, when I first decided to run for Congress, I talked him into getting involved in politics. He said, "Oh my gosh," he says, "I wouldn't want to do that. It takes too much time. There is so much crookedness and corruption," you know what people say. I talked him into it. His name was Russell W. Brown, incidentally. He became one of the political leaders in Indianapolis, IN, and the State of Indiana for 30 years.

I do not know what our party or the political process would have done had we not had such a person in a leadership position in Indianapolis. He was an inspiration to everybody. He spent a tremendous amount of time, as both sides of the aisle know, working for various candidates, making sure that their views were expressed and they got elected.

Those people are the unsung heroes. We get elected and we get on television and people around the country find out who we are. They may not agree with us, but at least we get some notoriety. But people like Russ Brown, who spent 15, 20, 30, 40 hours a week working on our behalf and on behalf of the country, the Nation, never getting much recognition. But they certainly deserve it. Without them, the foot soldiers, the people who are the political leaders back home, without them we would not be elected and the country would not be able to get its job done, and the Congress would not be able to get its job done.

I would just like to say today, and I guess I am kind of rambling, Mr. Speaker, I normally do not do that, I guess, I am certainly going to miss Russ. He was a wonderful man. He was a great humanitarian, a great father, a great husband, and he was one of my dearest friends, and throughout the remainder of my life, I will miss his smiling face, and his words of encouragement, and all the wonderful things he did for me and for this country.

#### PEOPLE ARE BEING BADLY HURT BY THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Florida [Mrs. THURMAN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, real people are being hurt and hurt badly by this Government shutdown.

I want to tell you about a lady who called this morning extremely upset and concerned about what was going to happen to her family. Her name is Rita Arrington. She is a nurse at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Lake